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EPA has also established National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations that set non-mandatory water quality standards for 15 contaminants. EPA does not enforce these "secondary maximum contaminant levels". They are established only as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the secondary maximum contaminant level.

The concentration of iron in your well water was above the secondary maximum contaminant level for iron which is 300 µg/L. Iron is an essential element for human nutrition; however, high iron can cause constipation and other gastrointestinal effects. In addition, high iron may stain household fixtures and impart a metallic taste and red color to the water.

The concentration of manganese in in your well water was above the secondary maximum contaminant level of 50 µg/L. High manganese can impart an unpleasant taste and odor to drinking water and can cause mineral deposits on plumbing features. The EPA Health Advisory for manganese is available at this location:
http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ccl/pdfs/reg_determine1/support_cc1_magnese_dwreport.pdf

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recommends using the Water Quality Interpretation Tool created by Colorado State University in collaboration with the Colorado Water Institute to get more information regarding the metals examined in your well. The Water Quality Interpretation Tool is available online at https://erams.com/wqtool/.

If you have any health related questions regarding these test results, please contact Flannery O'Neil with the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) at (970) 247-5702. If you would like to discuss your sample results with an EPA representative, please contact Deb McKean at (303) 579-4371.

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Analyte		Station ID Sample ID Sample Date Sample time Latitude Longitude				GKMTW390 GKMTW390_082215 8/22/2015 13:00 (b) (6), (b) (9)
Metals, Total		CAS NO	Units	Colorado Water Standard	EPA MCL	Sub Location Pipe at cistern Lab Result
Aluminum	A,B	7429-90-5	ug/L	5000	200	24 U
Antimony		7440-36-0	ug/L	6	6	0.4 U
Arsenic		7440-38-2	ug/L	10	10	0.37 U
Barium		7440-39-3	ug/L	2000	2000	100 J+
Beryllium		7440-41-7	ug/L	4	4	0.15 U
Cadmium		7440-43-9	ug/L	5	5	0.043 U
Calcium		7440-70-2	ug/L			96000
Chromium		7440-47-3	ug/L	100	100	1 U
Cobalt	A	7440-48-4	ug/L	50		0.26 J
Copper	A	7440-50-8	ug/L	200	1300	0.5 U
Iron	A,B	7439-89-6	ug/L	5000	300	520
Lead	A	7439-92-1	ug/L	100	15	0.06 U
Magnesium		7439-95-4	ug/L			12000
Manganese	A,B	7439-96-5	ug/L	200	50	110
Mercury		7439-97-6	ug/L	2	2	0.08 U
Molybdenum		7439-98-7	ug/L			1.7 J+
Nickel	A	7440-02-0	ug/L	200		0.94 J
Potassium		7440-09-7	ug/L			3000
Selenium		7782-49-2	ug/L	50	50	0.58 U
Silver	B	7440-22-4	ug/L		100	0.1 U
Sodium		7440-23-5	ug/L			3100
Thallium		7440-28-0	ug/L	2	2	0.1 U
Vanadium	A	7440-62-2	ug/L	100		0.3 U
Zinc	A,B	7440-66-6	ug/L	2000	5000	2.8 U

A- CDPHE Agricultural Standards (Jan. 2013)
B- EPA Secondary MCL (May 2009)
U = The analyte was analyzed for, but was not detected above the level of the reported sample quantitation limit.
J = Result is less than the RL but greater than or equal to the MDL and the concentration is an approximate value.
J- = The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased low.
UJ = The material was analyzed for, but was not detected. The associated value is an estimate and may be inaccurate or imprecise
UJB = The analyte was detected in the sample below the reporting limit and in either the associated laboratory blank or field blank; the analyte result was reported as non-detected at the RL due to blank contamination. The reported quantitation limit is approximate and may or may not represent the actual limit of quantitation necessary to accurately and precisely measure the analyte in the sample
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J+ = The result is an estimated quantity, but the result may be biased high.
R = Reported value is "rejected." The sample results are rejected due to serious deficiencies in meeting QC criteria. The data are unusable. The analyte may or may not be present in the sample.
F1 = MS and/or MSD Recovery is outside acceptance limits.
HF = Field parameter with a holding time of 15 minutes. Test performed by laboratory at client's request.
* = The result exceeds maximum contaminant level
ug/L - Parts per billion (micrograms per liter)

Highlighted Yellow: indicates result exceeded Screening Value